

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
LOK SABHA**

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TRADE THROUGH ATTARI -WAGAH BORDER  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether trade is being operated through Attari-Wagah border;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the names of countries with which trade is operated through border;
- (c) the amount of trade with each country during the last three years; and
- (d) the potential of trade in ensuing year alongwith the names of commodities?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) The countries with which trade is allowed through Attari - Wagha are Pakistan and Afghanistan. For trade by road, Pakistan has allowed Wagah border only for importing certain essential commodities from India. There is not much bi-lateral trade with Afghanistan through this land route, due to trade transit issues.

(c) The volume of India's trade with Pakistan and Afghanistan is as follows:

India - Pakistan bilateral trade in US\$ million

Year	Exports to Pakistan	Imports from Pakistan	Total Trade
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2007 -08	1951	288	2239
2008 - 09	1440	370	1810
2009 - 10 (P)	1572	275	1847

India - Afghanistan bilateral trade in US\$ million

Year	Exports to Afghanistan	Imports from Afghanistan	Total Trade
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2007 -08	249	110	359
2008 - 09	394	126	520
2009 - 10 (P)	464	125	589

Source: DGCI & S Kolkata through NIC DOC

(d) There is potential to increase Bi-lateral trade with both Pakistan and Afghanistan. India's thrust areas of export could be petroleum products, basic chemicals, raw cotton/textiles, engineering goods and pharmaceuticals. Import potential from Pakistan exists in Textiles, Cement, Agricultural products and from Afghanistan in agriculture produce and minerals.